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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 19, 1999

APPLICATION OF

CHESAPEAKE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION

CASE NO. PUC990015

For certificates of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange and
interexchange telecommunications
services

FINAL ORDER

On February 4, 1999, Chesapeake Telecommunications Corporation ("Chesapeake" or "the Company") completed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local and interexchange telecommunications services within an area typically described as the Richmond Local Access and Transport Area of Virginia.¹ The Company also requested authority to price its interexchange service on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

By order dated February 19, 1999, the Commission directed Chesapeake to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and

¹ In a letter dated February 22, 1999, the Company provided clarification of its requested service area by providing a list of the specific exchanges.

file a report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to Chesapeake's application.

On April 2, 1999, the Staff filed its report finding that Chesapeake's application was in compliance with the Commission's Rules for Local Exchange Telephone Competition, as adopted in Case No. PUC950018,² and the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, as amended in Case No. PUC850035.³ Accordingly, the Staff recommended granting a local exchange certificate and an interexchange certificate to Chesapeake subject to the following conditions: (1) any customer deposits collected by the Company be retained in an unaffiliated third-party escrow account until such time as the Staff or the Commission determines that it is no longer necessary; and (2) the Company shall provide audited financial statements to the Staff no later than one year from the effective date of its initial tariff.

A hearing was conducted on April 14, 1999. Chesapeake filed proof of publication and proof of service as required by the February 19, 1999, scheduling order. At the hearing, the Company's application and the Staff Report were entered into the record without objection.

² 20 VAC 5-400-180.

³ 20 VAC 5-400-60.

Having considered the application and the Staff Report, the Commission finds that such application should be granted subject to the conditions referenced herein. Having considered § 56-481.1, the Commission also finds that Chesapeake may price its interexchange services competitively. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Chesapeake is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience, No. TT-67A, to provide interexchange services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) Chesapeake is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-440, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules for Local Exchange Telephone Competition, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(3) Any customer deposits collected by Chesapeake shall be retained in an unaffiliated third-party escrow account until such time as the Staff or the Commission determines that such account is no longer necessary.

(4) Chesapeake shall provide audited financial statements to the Staff no later than one year from the effective date of its initial tariff.

(5) The Company shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications which conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(6) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers placed in the file for ended causes.